

a light source producing a light beam that converges in both x and y directions so that the light beam has a waist in both the x and y directions, where x and y are orthogonal directions; and

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a scanning element positioned to receive the light beam and reflect the light beam in a scanning motion along the x direction across the indicia, and a stationary fold mirror including a convex beam-shaping surface shaped to diverge light in the y direction to at least reduce convergence of the light beam in the y direction.

3 ~~52.~~ The optical scanner of claim *2*, wherein the convex surface is substantially cylindrical about an axis extending in the x direction so as to produce divergence of light in the y direction. *--*

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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REMARKS

This case is directed to the invention of Fig. 12, new claims 49-52 presented herewith. The claims are entitled to an effective date of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/405,585, filed March 17, 1995.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to claim 11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,859,417. If the Examiner deems that a terminal disclaimer is necessary, it is requested that he so advise the undersigned and it will be forwarded if deemed proper.

Applicants respectfully request that the inventorship of this divisional application be amended since the invention, as embodied in the current set of claims, was invented by only the following three inventors: ***Boris METLITSKY, Edward BARKAN and Paul DVORKIS.***

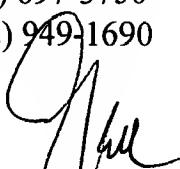
Applicants have amended the title and the specification and the drawings to correct minor errors.

Also enclosed is a marked-up copy of selected figures of the drawings showing minor corrections for the Examiner's approval.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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